re, thought I, is a strange combination of the sman and the politician. He is a man of national and of acknowledged ability. But, like every an in place, he is tenacious of his power and hate On reaching the room of the Assistant Secretary, red to the chief clerk of the Department, when dof clerk I was received with the same official ramination in person; and for this a found necessary from the very first c entire charge of them upon a secretary of the board, who ole time to that business. He has

relieving my conductor. I many reached the room of Mr. B.—, a gray-bearded man of about fifty, who ast at a large desk busily engaged with a red-lead pencil in marking over what appeared to be a series of printed questions and written answers. In front of him, at small tables, were several persons busy at work upon some absorb-ing "coundrums," and whom I readily supposed to inc candidates for appointment. The moment he saw me accompanied by the chief clerk's well-known messen-ger, he arose, and, on the announcement of my name by that colored functionary, took me by the hand, gave me a cordial welcome, and bade me be seated.

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wishes in this matter and treat his communications as confidential, I asked the examiner how long be had Let me see-about ten years.

"Let me see—about ten years."
"That would carry you back of the old Civil hervice competitive examinations under President Grant.
You must have had a somewhat varied experience.
How many candidates have you examined altogether
within that period."
"Either alone or with the assistance of others, or
under the direction of others, about five thomand. I
could give you the exact number, but that is unneces-

sary. ''
'' Not that many different candidates, I presum but that many distinct examinations?" lost it "Yes; hundreds of them I have examined several good.

times over. Why, 's said he, raising his voice, 'to use a sporting phrase, I have raised some of them from pups, and yet they are now my superiors in rank

and pay."

I expressed a regret at what I regarded an inconsistency in the administration of the Civil Service, and wondered why the pupil should be allowed to so get the start of the masier.

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examiner. 'I presume it is because they are smarter men. It is the law of natural selection over again—the survival of the fittest. There can be no other solution of the problem. Success is the criterion of ability. Aristotle might possibly have taught Alexander how to conquer, but he could not have conducted his rampaigns.'

Here the old examiner drew a long breath and pansed. I select the opportunity to bring blin back to a consideration of his starling theory that the United States was without a Civil Service.

"A few moments ago you startled me by asserting that the United States had no Civil Service. Will you please to give me your reasons for asying so ?.'

"My reasons are these: In the first place there is no certainty there can be no system. Running the fovernment in this fashion is like running an old-fashion keel-boat up stream with poles. So long as you are in shallow water and the poles can touch belien, you can unanage, with the aid of a sort of rudder, to keep the concern going straight; but when you cume to deep water, and the poles can touch belien, you can unanage, with the aid of a sort of rudder, to keep the concern going straight; but when you cume to deep water, and the poles can touch belien, you can unanage, with the aid of a sort of rudder, to keep the concern going straight; but when you cume to deep water, and the poles can touch belien, you can unanage, with the aid of a sort of rudder, to keep the concern going straight; but when you cume to deep water, and the poles can touch believe the concern going straight; but when you cume to deep water, and the poles can touch believe the concern going straight; but when you cume to deep water, and the poles can touch believe the concern going straight; but when you cume to deep water, and the poles can touch believe the concern going straight; but when you cume to deep water, and the poles can touch believe the concern going straight; but when you cume to deep water, and the poles can touch believe the concern going straight; but when you cu

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hear the outcome of the story, "what became of him?"

"Wiff, he failed, of course. It's the eaclest thing in the world to fail on examination, when you once set vigorously about it. He failed to get in and the other man, who was a good clerk, failed to get out. The Hon. (2) Mr. — from the—th Congressional District of — failed to accompile his detestable purpose, and, in fact, it was a failure all round."

At this moment the sound of a thousand footstep and of a thousand voices began to echo through the vast corridors of the Department. Four o'clock, the closing hour, had come. The candidates who were passing the ordeal of examination handed in their papers and left the room. A feeling of disappointment began to come over me at this audden termination to our conversation; for I felt that I had just entered the portals—bad just begun to obtain a glimpse into the interior workings of the Civil Service—when its doors were abruptly closed upon me. I lost no time in making known my disappointment, and in expressing my desire for a further interview.

then have more leisure to talk with you. Come on Monday next."

Hereupon I suggested that in order to avoid the possibility of an interruption to his official duttes, I should moet him after the Department was closed for the day, when, I presumed, he would have more time and more inclination for social intercourse.

"Oh, no, no!" returned the examiner, with impatience. "No Civil Service for me outside of office hours. I get enough of it while here. After office I devote myself to my family, and that keeps me busy, enough. Besides, when I speak on autifects of an official character, I prefer to speak ex cathedra. Outside I am but a private man; here I am a Government official. My ophilous here are more suthoritative than when spoken outside. This chair, like the tive than when spoken outside. This chair, like the chair of the Syballine oracle, gives tone and characte to the utterances of him who occupies it. ''
And so, with a puff of the cheeks and wink of the eye, which indicated the quiet satire he intended; convey in these last words upon the usual important attached to official life, the old examiner shook me is the hand, bade me good-bye, and we reparated for the evening.

BUREAU GOSSIP.

During the past week a corps of skilled female experts have been engaged at the Treasury Department in examining the money, bonds, etc., burned at the recent railroad accident on the Erie railroad, near Buffalo, N. Y. The express car and gave me a cordial welcome, and bade me be ested. I lost no time in announcing the object of my visit. I have come, "said I, "by permission of the Secretary to learn comething about the Civil Service of the United States, and more especially—".

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"'You must have very grave reasons—'"
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"You give a reason for the failth that is in me.'"
Hereupon I took out a memorandum book and pench, and was in the act of unlimbering for actom when the examiner broke in upon me.

"Look here," said he "are you a newspaper reporter?"
I at once acknowledged that I did belong to that ancient and honorable guild.

"I have always given my views fully and freely upon this subject, both in omce and out of ome."
continued the examiner: "but I denot feel authorized to give information for the purpose of publication without the permission of my superior officers. In a measure, our knowledge is not our own. However," added he, after a short pause, "there is nothing to concail. I will give you whatever information you may ask for, provided you will not make mention of

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has been promoted from first to second-class clerk in the office of the Loan Division, Treasury Department, He passed a very creditable examination. Mr. Edward Kent, of New York, was last Tuesday promoted from first-class clerk to the post-tion of second assistant examiner in the Patent Office. There were twenty-four persons examined for the vacancy, all of whom stood very high, and Mr. Kent is to be congratulated upon his success. Mr. J. A. Kingsley, of the Bureau of Yards

Mr. David T. Jones, third-class clerk in

Mrs. A. C. Quackenbush, of the

Mrs. A. Scott has been appointed to a po-

Mr. C. J. Stoddard, of the office of the comptreller of Currency, accompanied ex-Senator timon Cameron on his Southern trip as secretary. Capt. Mosely and Maj. W. B. C. Wright t Ohio, were last week appointed to positions in the lavy Department by Secretary Goff.

Alex. M. Hardy, of Mississippi, and stephen W. Parker, of Georgia, were appointed clerks of class one in the office of the Second Assistant Costmaster General last week. The Legislative Appropriation Bill as in

Miss Annabelle Stealy, of West Virginia, has been appointed to a position in the Redempt Division of the Treasury Department upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy.

NEWS POSTSCRIPT.

DEFICIENT WEST POINT CAPETS .- The folwing callets have been discharged from the Military Academy for deficiency in study: First Class, Jame. A. Patterson: Second Class, William E. Hotchkiss,

THERE are signs that the vast moneyed in

the Senate yesterday: Army—Capt. John Mix, to be major of cavalry: First Lieut. Frank Head, Ordnance nt, to be captain; First Lieuts, of cavalry yilliam P. Cark and Oscar Etting, to be captains; first Liout, John McGlivray, to be captain artillery; econd Lieuts, Henry C. La Point and Jos. F. Cum-nings, to be first lieutenants of cavalry. Navy—Master cazarts L. Reamey, to be a lieutenant; Emagu Bead-ey A. Fiske, to be a master; Midshipman Henry C.

THE Select Committee of the House on Inter saute Canal at their meeting to-day agreed to report favorably to the House Representative Wells' bil of ix per cent. The vote was as follows: years at the rate of ix per cent. The vote was as follows: years, Messar, Coger, Haskell, King, Singleton, and Martin, 5, Nays, Messar, Coscar Tuner, Hutchins, Nicholas, and Whitthorne, 4. Frye and Page were absent. SCR-COMMITTEES of the House Committee on Appropriations were at work yesterday upon the Sundry Civil and the General Deficiency Appropriations Bills, and made good progress. The former will be reported to the House early next week. The sub-committee of the Sensie Appropriations was in session and heard delegations of the school trustees in favor of the appropriations for new buildings. It is thought that if an appropriation is

granted to send a vessel in search of the lost steamer Jeannette, the Secretary of the Navy will purchase the whater Mary and Helen, which is said to be well adapted for the purpose. A number of officers have made application to be put in command of the craft selected.

PERSONS AND THINGS.

Mr. Joseph Jefferson has been a member of a Battimore Lodge for more than twenty years, and the other morebers gave blin formal entertanment on Thursday evening. Many speeches were made. Mr. Jefferson's being a charming one in spite of his apology that his speeches were generally written by the author, and when thrown on his own resources he was sure to fall.

sure to fall.

The Empress of Austria is expected at Combernere Abbey, near Whitchurch, on February 8. The Cheshire, North Stafford, North Shripshire, and other "thutis" meet within easy distance. The Empress will in turn follow all the packs in the district. She is, perhaps, the most brilliant horsewoman in Europe. The English ladies who ride a good deal admire her exceedingly.

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Says the N. Y. Times: "The announcement that the widow of Robert Barnwell is soon to become an immate of the Louise Home, established, by Corcoran, the rich Washington philanthropist, is another one of the many initianous of the poverty to which the families of leading Secessionist have been reduced. The late Barnwell Rhett—his propper name was Smith, but he changed it to Rhett, borne by a colonial ancestor—was one of the earliest and foremost disunitonists of South Carolina. Educated for the Bar, he entered public Heat 25 as a member of the Legislature, and seven years later was chosen Attorney toneral of his mative State. During the mullification movement he acted with the extremists of the State Rights Party, and was a consistent enemy of the Republic to his dying day. He was subsequently sent to Congress from the Beanfort district, and in 1850 was elected to the United States Congress. He sympatized fully with John C. Calhonn's views, and was the first man to propose on the floor of Congress the dissolution of the Union. In the secession agitation in South Carolina (1851-2) he advocated its immediate, and, if necessary, its separate withdrawal from the confederacy of States, and on the defeat of his party realyned his Senatoria seat. He took no part in public affairs until Lincoln's election. He was very conspictous in the December (1860) State Convention, which passed the oral mane of states, and on the defeat of his party realyned his Senatoria seat. He took no part in public affairs until Lincoln's election. He was very conspictous in the Confederacy of States, and on the defeat of his party realyned his Senatoria seat. He took no part in public consideracy of States, and on the defeat of his party realyned his Senatoria seat. He took no part in public affairs until Lincoln's election. He was very conspicuous in the committee Last framed the Constitution of the committee Last framed the Constitution of the conciled Confederacy and the passed his seatory. The once noted Charicston M

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Mr. J. A. Kingeley, of the Bureau of Yards and books, Navy Department, who has been absent several weeks on leave, returned home on Tuesday last, and is now hard at work at his deak making up for lost time. He looks as floough his trip had done him good.

Mr. J. C. Pennie, of New York, was appointed to a 1900 clerkship in the Patent Office last week.

Among the latest promotions for efficiency at the Cenaus Office, none were more deserved than that of Miss Forence Magninds, of the Agricultura Division, under the charge of Mr. Wardle. Some three months are eight every french and is a dancelly master, and that oven three months are eight every french and is a dancelly master, and that oven the emouths are eight every frenchman is a dancelly master, and that oven the matter months are distant period than any one now alive can remember, as may be marked by observing the manner he which the material statistics and close application to her duties has so advanced herself that she now is a subchief and has entire supervision over a table of twenty. Added to Miss Magnind's business qualifications is a charming and tadylike demeaner, that has won her many over friends among her present associates to rejoice with the old at her merited success.

Mr. William Rutherford, of California, was last week appointed to a position in the effice of the secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. William D. Ritner, of Kansas, was last week appointed to a position in the office of the secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Lee Nane, of Missigsippi, has been ap-

Mow to Be a Leader of Fashien.

Mrs. John Sherwood is one of the eleverest leaders of New York society, and her estimate of "fashion" and the power of social position is worth something. She writes: "We all know healty cannot do it, and we all know that it is not character, for women of the highest character generally avoid such popularity. We all know that it is not always had such popularity. We all know that it is not always the explanation. Tact—that mysterious word—is the nearest approach to it; but even that is not always the explanation, although it is a comfortable pseudonym. The great power meetes it ceaseless industry. A woman who is mover fatiguest, who has immense physical strength, who can to excive ywhere, accept every invitation, who newer has a headache—she is the one who is apit in the long run to achieve the fashionable position. She must have admirable manners, a smile for every one, and a momory which is horculean. "Let bidders for popularity take note.—Beston Greette.

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SOCIETY CHAT.

The interior arrangements of Mr. Thom "house warming" was used in bidding the guests, and tinly it deserved the name. There was a hospitable and warm welcome extended to all upon their entrance. The yule log was burning in an old-fashioned fiteplace. It sent out a ruddy glow, which illuminated the square hall into which the front doors open. It was a cheery welcome to all who crossed the threshold, and a bright contrast to the intense cold outside. All of the gas fixtures of the house are in the ceilings, fewer lights being needed, as each jet is surrounded by strong reflectors, and there are flumes which carry off all the beat generated by gas. In this way there was perfect ventilation, and the guests, with every faculty alive to enjoyment, wandered about, filled with admiration and delight at all they saw. Mrs. Wilson is herself an artist, and some of the wood carvings on the manifes are her work? Both she and her husband profess westette tastes of the bighest order. No pleture on the walls harmonized better with the surroundings than did the stately lady who welcomed the guests as they arrived. She stood beside her husband, chain rich white satin, with long, full court train of allvery brocade, point lace garnished the open bodice, and was used about the sheeves, a dog collar of pink coral classed her throat, and coral cramments et off the beautiful soft gray hair. A group of liftles from Capitol Hill were in elegant tollets. Mus Smith, in white satin brocade with point lace and diamonds. Her pillet, white dress, and her fine dark eyes and luxurtant hair were in fine contrast to her dress. Mrs. Jereniah Wilson wore a dress of white satin brocade, with medlework embrodery, on the satin white dress, and her fine dark eyes and luxurtant hair were in fine contrast to her dress. Mrs. Jereniah Wilson wore a dress of white satin brocade, with a control of the control shamonds. Mrs. Northolf, they are a subject to the white sain you would like from the satin brocade, with the dark of the control of the control of the control of the control of the contro

mired belie. Miss Dram was dressed in white, which is becoming to her youthful face and form. Miss Gwyn, formerly of Baltimore, but now a resident of this city, wore a court train over white, and basque of pink pekin, striped with blue. Miss Haines, deep pink Bengalino. She is a graceful dancer and never lacks partners. Miss Porter, white skirt, with crimson satin bodice, low neck, with passamenterie of white spar heads, crimson silk stockings, and slippers. Miss Davies, of New York, pink allk, covered with Mechlin Iace. Miss Davies has good style and form. Mrs. Haren, white and gold satin brocade, will court train of cherry satin; the point lace on this righty beautiful dress is the finest that could his salverte from a clude store in Parks.

point lace on this richly beautiful dress is the finest that could be selected from a choice stock in Paris, Miss Agatha Schurz wore white-figured satin, trimmed with Spanish lace. Miss Liliain Carpenier, white satin and gauze, with garlands of white flowers. Miss Wales, chaperoned by Mr. Alex, F. Magruder, had her brilliant freesh beauty enhanced by a bandsome costume of blue silk. Miss Stout, Miss Almy. Miss Manie Ray, Miss Hattle Key, Miss Berry, Miss Barnes, Miss Davidre, Miss Annie Wilson, Miss Duncan, and many other of the dancers, wore charming white tollets. Miss Randolph, daughter of the Senator, wore heliotrope cashinere quantity made. Miss Peterson and Miss Freeland were handsomely dressed. Miss Lida Miller was one of the helles. Mrs. Pattison's neice, Miss Witherspoon, Mrs. Logan, and many others took part in the dance. Speaker Raindall chaperoned bis daughter. At the Peabody dinner on the 2d instant Mrs. Grant was royally attired in rich velvet, superb black pearls, and a blaze of diaments.

On Wednecday there were three large dinner parties and two large evening entertainments. Some ladies began the day with a lunch at the residence of the Chief Justice, where Miss. Walte entertained Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Hazen, and other Ohlo ladies.

Miss Mary Walte is recovering from her long illness.

The dinner given by Capt, and Mrs. Stery on the

alls Mary Waters recovering from her tong inpieces.

The dinuer given by Capt, and Mrs. Story on the
2d is pronounced the daintest and most elegant dinner
of the season.

Senator Kirkwood refuses all invitations; he even
declined to depart from his rule and accept an invitation to dine at the White House.

The wife of Senator Williams, of Kentucky, accompained by her daughter, Miss Hamilton, and
Miss Butchanan, have refurned to their home in Kentucky. torky.

Among the pleasant families passing the winter in Washington are Mr. and Mrs. Timonify Dayls and their two daughters. Mr. Dayls is from Boston, and represented that city in Congress some years ago. The Misses Dayls are finely-educated young ladies, and are much admired atnong their friends, of whom they have many. evening of November 23 last, at the residence of the Hon. O. N. Denny, United States Consul General at Shanghal, China, the cremony being performed by the Rev. W. S. Holt.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Susie A. Godney, daughter of Capt. Samuel Ged ney, of this city, to Paymaster Thomas J. Cowie ney, of this city, to Paymaster Thomas J. Cowie, of the Navy. The ceremony will take place at the Metropolitan M. E. Church on Tuesday evening, February 15, at 7:30 o'clock. The bridesmaids on the occasion will be Miss Maggie Cowie and Miss Susie R. Sheriff. The groomsmen are to be Paymaster John N. Speel and L. C. Key, of the Navy, The unders are selected from the Navy, and will consist of Master M. A. Shufeldt, Midshipman N. J. Halpine, and Lieut. T. N. Wood, of the Marine Corps. A reception was to have been held at the residence of the bride's father after the cremony at the church, but in consequence of the death of Mrs. Geduey's mother, information of which was roceived Friday, this will be done away with. The young couple will leave on the evening train for the North. The groom, groomsmen, and others will all appear in full naval uniform.

The Ninichi Club held the eighth of thei eries of Germans on Tuesday evening last at the resi ence of Dr. Robert B. Donaldson, the Misses Don dence of Dr. Robert B. Donaldson, the Misses Don aldson acting as bestesses. The German was led b Mr. Edward Chaffee, with Miss Lucy Donaldson a partner, in a very creditable manner. The favor were unique and pretry, while the evening's enter latiment was pronounced the finest yet given by the club. Among those who participated were the Misse Bacon, Koenes, Donaldson, Harkness, Hall, Johnson Wilson, Gilmore, Murdock, and Messes, Church, Acket Doughty, Green, Rossell, Curtis, Murlock, Donald con, Borden, Riscadden, and Lewis.

A surprise party was tendered Miss Beal A surprise party was tendered Miss Beall Hyatt at her residence, 514 Fifth street, on Tuesday evening last. Despite the Inclement weather the guests assembled at the home of Miss Minnie-Johnson, near by, and went thence to the home of the young and amiable hostess, where, under her care and hespitality, the evening was delightfully spent in dancing. Among those present were the Misses Hurchell, Burbridge, Morrhou, Clark, Brawner, Mew, Miss Lyon, of Ratitioner, Miss Drant, Miss Satton, Miss Johnson, and Messra, Pedrick, Deshields, McKnew, Mohan, Hatch, Burchell, Frances, and Mr. Floy L. Miller, of Baltimore.

On Wednesday evening of next week, February 16, at the Church of the Ascennion, Twelfith

On Wednesday evening of hext week rebravary is, at the church of the Ascension, Tweift street and Massachusetts avenue, Miss Carrie, the only daughter of the Hou. J. J. Noah, of the Be partment of War, will be married to Mr. William B Lewis, of this city. Miss Noah, who is only eighter years old, is tall of stature, and a deep brunche of rate beauty.

The marriage of Mr. Charles Clements to

The marringe of sir. Charles Clements to Miss Mary L. McGraw took place in St. Patrick' Charch on the afternoon of January 28, in the presenc of only the immediate members of both families. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Walter On the same night a reception was held by Mr. an Mrs. Clements at their home on I street. Miss Henni Smith, who has been visitin he Misses Collins, in West Washington, will retur-e her home in Baltimore to-morrow, with the regret f a large number of friends. Miss Minnie Lyons, of Baltimore, who has been the guest of the Misses Brawner, 244 New York avenue, for a considerable time, returned to her home on Friday last.

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Miss Ada, daughter of Hon. Willis Drummond, was quietly married at the residence of her parents, last week, by Rev. Dr. Forrest, to Mr. R. Howle Holland.

Miss Saille Guy, of Missouri avenue, who has been visiting in California and the Pacific Goast generally, returned home during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patterson, have re-

The Art Loan Exhibition in behalf of the FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS. training school for nurses will open this week at the distoric Octagon House, formerly the hospitable resi-

nuecticut avenue, was invaded on Friday evening ast with a gay party of merry-making masquerade

est elements of old Washington society, and was one of the most brilliant of the season. The guests Included many distinguished persons, and bench and bar were well represented. The host and bench and bar were assisted in receiving by their daughter, a fanchaating debutante, and their niece and guest, Miss Davidge, of New York. The costumes worn were very elegant, the commodious rooms were brilliant with light and heavily, the sumer and many were very elegant, the commodious rooms were brilliant with light and beauty, the supportant music were superb, and after the crowd of older people had diminished the daucting was continued with anima-tion until an unusually late hour. The wedding of Miss Annie E. Corcoran

The wedding of Miss Annie E. Corcoran and Mr. John J. White will be selemnized at St. Matthew's church at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of February 22. A reception will follow at the residence of the bride's parents from 8 to 2 o'clock, which will afford the many sincere friends of both parties an opportunity to extend their congratulations on this happy union. At the rooms of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel At the rooms of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Roberts, in the Corcoran Building, on last Wednes-day evening were gathered a goodly number of guests, the occasion being the marriage of their daughter, Minnie, to Mr. W. C. McMichael, of Indiana. After the ceremony a supper was served and the facely warried couple left for the home of the groom.

The Third German of the Army and The Third German of the Army she Navy Assembly Club will be given on Monday next at the Masonic Temple as usual. Mrs. Ricketts is to receive, and the German will be led by Master Mason A. Shufeldt, of the Navy, and Miss Marvin, of New York, assisted by Lieut. W. F. Butler, of the Army. Ensign Bernard O. Scott, of the Navy, as united in marriage to Miss F. W. Denny, on the

The friends made by Miss-Lottie Bournonville, of Philadelphia, during her sojourn in Washington last spring, will be pleased to hear that she is expected in the city to-morrow on a visit to her friend, Mrs. D. F. Murphy, No. 314 C street northwest.

is spending a few weeks with her friend, Miss Ida Thomason, 1217 H street northwest, after which she will visit with friend in New York. Miss Manifold is related to Hon. J. G. Plumb, M. P., at Ottawa, Ont. The many friends of Mrs. M. E. O'Neill, vill be pleased to learn that she has returned to No. 622 P street northwest, considerably improved in ap-pearance after a delightful four months' visit to her relatives in Nachville. Tenn.

The C. P. C.'s gave a delightful dancing reception on Monday evening hast at St. Joseph's Hall. A very large and fashlonable gathering made the affair very successful. The club will repeat the affair in a few weeks. It is announced that Second Lieut. Hamil-

The Phouix Literary Club will meet at Miss Hanson's, on Massachueits avenue on Tuesday evening, when an interesting and attractive programme will be enjoyed by the members.

Mrs. Graham, wife of Commander J. D. Graham, commanding the receiving ship Passaic, who has been dangerously ill with pneumonis, is slowly recovering.

vivacious little amateur actresses, will be tendered a complimentary benefit Thursday, February 17, at Tailmadge Hall. There will be another social gathering on Friday next at the popular house of Mrs. Rines, on Twelfth street, where many Congressional families usequatered.

Secretary and Mrs. Sherman have issued cards for four entertainments during the ensuing month, the first of which will take place to morrow exeming. The "West End Owls," a new and prom-inent social organization of the West End, are mak-ing preparations for a grand affair on the 21st of this month. The pretty and fascinating Miss Gates, daughter of Capt. Gates, of Stonington, Conn., is the guest of the Misses Williams, of Georgetown.

Miss Robinson, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Witson, for some weeks past leaves for home on Wodnesday.

"Whist" Clubs are forming among the joung society people, and this "new departure" is destined to become very popular during Lent. The wedding of Miss Emma Pettitt and Mr. Bernard Balley will take place at McKendree Chapet on the evening of March I.

The first complimentary hop of the 'Bohemians' will take place on the evening of the 21st at Marin's Hall.

The next German of the Capitol Hill Club will occur on Thursday evening at Mrs. Taylor's, New Jersey arenue.

Rear Admiral Charles S. Boggs and wife arrived in this city last Friday, and are guests at the Ebbitt House.

SENATE. - After the morning hour, Mr.

relief of certain officers of the Navy, (restoring various naval officers to their former relative positions either on the active or retired list, pursuant to a recommendation of the Board of Admirals acting under the joint resolution of February 5, 1879, "for the relief of Bushred B. Taylor and other naval officers," was taken up.

Mr. Rollins opposed the bill.

Pending action upon it, the Senate, at \$100°clock, idjourned until Monday.

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with private claims.

Mr. Robinson, of Massachusetts, argued in support of the right of States to pass laws prescribing the qualification of voters, provided those qualifications had no reference to race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Mr. Chaimers, of Mississippi, contended that it would be unconstitutional to base the apportionment on anything but population.

Mr. Hooker, of Mississippi, said that to cut down the representation from the South would be to desprive the negro of his right to be represented in Congress. The negro was a very good institution as long as he was forced to vote the Republican ticket, but when be became a man and acted for himself, when he voted the Democratic ticket, the Republican nerty said that there was a wanton departure from the principles by which he ought to be governed, and that his representation should be ent-down.

Mr. Calkins, of Indians, did not think that any Apportionment Bill should be passed at this session. He was not antisfed that the last census was correct, and instanced as a suspicious circumstance that the population of South Carolina late census was correct, and instanced as a suspicious circumstance that the population of South Carolina, wondered that the last census was correct, and instanced as a suspicious circumstance that the population of South Carolina, wondered that the Republican party had not thought it proper to order an investigation as to the number of votes cast in the South in 1872. He called attention to the fact that in that election 19, 600 Republican votes had been cast in the First District of his State, 20, 600 in the Republican party had instituted no inquiry after the Democratic party. If there ever had been a Pharasaical rightesystiess it was that exhibited by the Republican party had heat refer ever had been a Pharasaical rightesystiess it was that exhibited by the Republican party in the question of property and, third, by the protection from oppession by Union Leagues and Jesuit via suspension the course protection from

COULISSE CHAT.

There is a capital portrait of Mr. Booth in othern's Monthly, and another in the Sporting and transatic News, "The Fool's Revenge?" is a suc-ess. Mr. Booth has resugaged himself at the Princess's until March. Labouchere, in Truth of the 20th ultimo, says: "Miss Clars Morris, the American 'star,' is expected to risk London in the course of the present year. From all that I hear, she is the fluest emotional actress now living."

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Mr. W. S. McKean, of this city, is travel ing as treasurer and business manager of "Cordine and her Thirty Merrie Makers" under the management of Mr. C. D. Hess in the fairy operetta. "The Magic Silprer." It is a sparking burlesque based on the old story of Cinderella, and is meeting with great success in the West.

Miss Lottie Belton Sargent who is a member of the "Wille Edonis Sparks." Company, which opens at Ford's te-morrow night, is a young Hoston lady, who was well known in Washington society, winter before last, as she was a guest of the family of Gen. Haines. She was at one of Mrs. Hayes's receptions, where the was presented by Mrs. Stanley Mathews, and greatly pleased the company by ber wenderful powers of singing iener and bartions soles. Her voice is one of the most remarkable ever heard, and she has been thoroughly trained under the best Italian masters.

Tennyson, the Last of His Kind.

Miss Ada, daughter of Hon. Willis Drummond, was quietly married at the residence of her parents, has week, by Rev. Dr. Forrest, to Mr. R. Bowle Holland.

Miss Salille Guy, of Missouri avenue, who has been visiting in California and the Pacific Goat generally, returned home during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patterson have returned to Baltimore, and are located at Hotel Shirley for the winter.

Miss Adelaide Sprague, of New York city, is visiting a Mrs. W. H. Roberts, 1200 Connecticut avenue.

Gen. James Oakes and wife and Miss Oakes have taken rooms for the season at the Ebbitt House.

The Misses Bulkley, of Brooklyn, are the guests of Miss Russell, of Capitol IIIb.

The Leisure Hour Club meets on Tuesday in the lawn, is the present day among all English writing peoples—of Tennyson, his peoply. I find it impossible, as 1 taste the sweetness of these lines, to escape the flavor, the conviction, the lusti-ripening columnation, and last honey of discay of alray not stilling at Mrs. U. H. Paluter's, on Fourteenth street.

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SUNDAY TELEGRAMS. THREE O'CLOCK A. M.

A MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR

Police Central Offices and Fire Hall to-day without finding an owner or any one willing to keep them, until in the evening they were putaboard the freeboat Havemeyer and carried down the bay to a safe distance from shore. The circumstances under which they came into the possession of the police were very stigular, and suggested to the police in as follows:

At noon to-day a young man unloaded from a truck at Pier 35, East tiver, two burrels, and informed Edward field, shipping clerk of the Bridgeport, to an address printed on the head of each barrel, "G. M. Giray, Waterbury, Conn." The carrier had no bill of lading and could or would not tell their conlents, or the sounds of the barrels, to the Midgeport, to an address printed on the head of one of the barrels to examine for himself the centents. To bis amazement he found it filed with cartridges of blasting powder six mehes long and an inch in diameter, loosely packed in shavings. Without waiting to open the other barrel he at once ordered the carrier from the pier and threatmend him with arrest. The fellow drove off before the police could be found, Shortly before 4 or clock, as the last of the freight was being put on board the steamer, a licensed vendor's wagon was driven rapidly upon the pier, and the same two barrels were unloaded by another man. The shipping clerk recognized them instantly, and exitedly called up Police Officer Vall, who was near, to arrest the driver. The latter heard the order, ran away, and escaped, leaving his hence and wagon. Besides the barrels, the wagon contained a square box marked "Adams. Express Co.," and consigned to one Miller at Valley Station, N. J. Pursuit of the freight was being put on board the steamer, a licensed vendor's wagon was driver. The latter heard the order, ran away, and escaped, leaving his hence and wagon. Besides the barrels, the wagon contained a square box marked "Adams. Express Co.," and consigned to one Miller at Valley Station, N. J. Pursuit of the feeling driver proved fruitless. The dale, in Mercer

THE ICY BLAST OF DEATH.

Whole Family Freezing in Their Home-Great Distress in the Cold Northwest.
Chicago, Feb. 5.—A despatch from S

Burke, while at work with his men on the road, no-ticed a shanty close by from which no smoke issued, and seeing no evidence that the place was inhabited, the party visited the premises and forced open the door, when a horrible sight greeted their eyes. Upon the couch and on the floor of the wretched hovel lay the father, mother, and children, evidently a whole family frozen stiff. Word was at once sent to the nearest town, and arrangements were made to care for the remains of the unfortunate fam-ily. Universal destitution is reported among the farmers weat of Sleepy Eye. It is stated that no trains carrying fuel have passed Sleepy Eye since December 24. It is impossible to reach many of the settlers, as the rathroads are blockaded by snowdrifts, and the wagon roads are impassable, and it is feared that many will starve or be frozen to death before

St. John, N. B., Feb. 5.—Railway rame on the Albert and Eighn branches is suspended, wing the snew blockade.

be guessed at at present, but the aggregate will be a stupendous sum.

Lewes, Del... Feb. 5.—The harboy, bay, and ocean are still one solid field of ice. Ice boat No. 3 succeeded in bringing the atandoned bark Arendal to the Pennsylvania Railroad pier this afternoon. The drifted lightship is still high upon the breakwater. The ship Novara has been cut through by the ice, and Ice boat No. 3 has tried ineffectially to bring her inside the works. Many of the sailors on vessels in the harbor have taken advantage of the ice garge and walked ashore, and a number of the townspeople have walked out to the breakwater. The weather to-night is clear and calm, thermometer 18 degrees above.

St. Let is, Feb. 5.—Advices from the far West say that the suiden melting of the znew in the mountains is doing great damage in southern Colorado and New Mexico.

New York, Feb. 5.—The ice in the Sound is rapidly breaking up, and navigation is generally improving, although heavy ice extends as far as Huntington.

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New York, Feb. 5.—Money was easy at 4655 per cent, and closed at 4 per cent. Exchange was steady at 481 56182 for long and 48564853; for short sight. Governments quiet and unchanged. State bonds moderately active. Ealirsad bonds active but irregular. Stocks closed generally firm. The stock market was irregular and unsettled in the early dealings and at the first board the general list declined 114 to 112% per cent., the latter in Western Union, Toward noon the speculation becarse strong as prices raised 4 to 35 per cent., take Erle and Western and P. D. and Evansville leading the improvement. During the afternoon the market fluctuated with much frequency but within a narrow range. In the late dealings Northern Pacific advanced 25 per cent. and Origon Navigation 4 per cent., while the general list reacted 4 to 15 per cent, the latter 81, Paul. The sales aggregated 380, 557 stares, including C. C. and I. C., 5, 800; Canada Southern, 7,000; D. L. and W., 15, 200; Del. and Hud., 5, 80; Erle, 30, 600; H. and St. Jo., 5, 300; Iron Mountain, 6, 400; K. and Tex., 7, 900; Lake Shore, 25, 900; Lake Erle and Western, 15, 900; L. and N. 1, 800; Mct. Ell., 5, 100; N. W., 20, 000; Nash, and Chat., 190; N. J. Cent., 8, 700; N. Y. C., 16, 000; Neth. Pac., 43, 000; O. and M., 5, 300; Ort. and Wester, 10, 100; N. Y. C., 16, 000; Neth. Pac., 43, 000; O. and M., 5, 300; Ort. and Wester, 20, 800; Chio Cent., 7, 100; Pac. Mail., 5, 900; St. Paul., 15, 900; Tex. Pac., 1, 900; Union Pac., 12, 500; W. Pac., 17, 900; West. Usion, 33, 730; P. D. and E., 5, 800; Little Pittsburg, 10, 800.

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New York, Feb. 5.—The suits of the Georgia importing and exporting company known as "the Cotton suits." involving \$\$45,000 and interest since 1838 against ex-Secretary McCulloch, United States Treasurer, which have been so long on the calcular of the United States District Court and which Judge Walkee percenterity set down for trial on Menday, were withdrawn to-day, the plaintiff paying costs of the suit.

United States Marahal Payn, to-day received from the President, pardous for Thomas Ryan, Thomas H. Blecanura, John C. Leary, and Thomas F. Ryan, who were indicted and pleaded guilty to violation of the election law, in not publicly exposing the registration lists at the polis on election day. The men have not yet been sentenced.

The Racing Prospect for St. Louis. The Racing Prospect for St. Louis.

St. Louis, Feb. 5.—The six-stake races to be run at the spring mesting of the St. Louis Jockey Club closed on the 1st instant with 23s entries, a much larger number. Han we're ever received here before. The entries are divided as follows: Conjunte stakes for two-year-old fillies, 80; Jockey Club stakes for two-year-olds, 34; Browers' cup for all ages, 20; Street Railroad stakes for all ages, 31. Cher stakes for the meeting will probably be open by the club in a short time. The prospects for some splended racing are very flattering.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 5.—Gen. William Mahone has made an application in the United States Court for leave to redocat the property of the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Ohio railroad. Judges Bond and Hughes will meet in this city next Thesisty to hear the application. The counsel of all the parties in the case will be notified accordingly. The road is advertised for sale on Thursday hext, the 12th instant, Representatives of the cities of Norfolk, Lyachburg, and Petersburg are expected to meet early next week and place themselves in direct communication with parties desirous of purchasing the road.

Western Union's New Officers. Western Union's New Officers.

New Yours, Feb. 5.—At a meeting of the directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company this afterneon Mr. Hamilton Mch.. Twombly restanced as a director and vice president and Chester W. Chapin resigned as a director. Jay Gould was elected a director in place of David Jones, deceased, and takes Mr. Twombly's place on the executive committee. Bussell Sage was elected in place of Mr. Chapin, and tien. Eckett was elected a director, vice president, and general manager of the company.

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Chicago, Liu, Feb. 5.—The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Raifroad Company has contracted for fifty-five new locomotives, 1,750 fright cars, and a large musber of passenger coaches. The additions to its equipments during the present season will involve the expenditure of over \$2,000,000. Besides this outlay for rolling stock, the company will construct a second track on the western distance of its road, reduce the grade to a maximum of sixteen fact to the mile, and erect a freight-house at Englewood.

THE IRISH SCARE

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o clock this morning either to Dartmoor of Foreigna.
LONDOY, Feb. 5.— Davitt will arrived at Dartmoor
prisen to-day. Relative to the possibility of an attempt being made to resome him, the authorities in
that district have been warned not to place too much
confidence in the absence of pre-Irish feeling there.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—A despatch from Rome to the Patt Mail Gazette says: News has been re-sived here that the Porte refuses to submit to the

Capt. Thomas Deweese, with his company A, Second Cavalry arrived here from Colorado. Hges' command is at Poplar creek, in charge of Iron Dog and his band, consisting of fify-three Indians. As these poor starved, worn-out creatures filed through the post to the Government store-house to receive rations, preparatory to going camp it was hard to' realize that they were a portion of the formidable band of warriers which sent such a thrill of borror through the country in 1878 by the massacre of Custer's gallant band, but such nevertheless is the case, and Iron Dog is a soldier who has made his reputation by fighting, in times past, the same troops that to-day served rations to his band and to-night guard his camp while he sleeps in frampulity. After receiving rations under the supervision of Capt. Clifford this band was taken to Gall's village, and its various members either taken into lodges occupied by Gall's people or allowed to put up their topes adjacent thereto, so that the necessity of an additional number of sentinels is obviated.

Vanderbilt Pays for His Obelisk.

Philadelphia's Mayoralty. Philadelphia's Mayoratty.

Philadelphia, Feb. 5.—George de B. Keim, in a letter made public to-might, declines the Independent nomination for mayor. The contest is now instrumed down between William S. Stolely, the Republican nominee, and Samuel G. King, the Democratic nominee, the latter being induced by the committee of one hundred. This same committee had previously independ Mayor Stokely, but as in decilined to subscribe to one of their principles they withdrew their independent.

Vanderbilt Buys Land. New York, Feb. 5.—William H. Vander-bilt has purchased the Manhattan Market property, which was burned down a short time ago, estensibly for railroad purposes. The nice paid for it was \$370,000. It occupies the block between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues and Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth streets. He also purchased the land on the west side of it, extending to the North river. The deed was recorded in the register's office to-day.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS. Bell & Bell's grecery and Delmonico's restaurant, Pensacola, Fla., were burned yesterday. THE Mudge block, in Rome, N. Y., was

The woodenware factory of A. S. Prather, Amestown, N. Y., was partly destroyed by fire Fri-day right.

John J. Berry, embezzling cashier of the Bank of Bergen County, Hackensack, N. J., was yesterday scatteneed to five years' imprisonment. JAMESTOWS, N. Y., Feb. 5.—During an at-tercation here to-day Charles Phetheplace was stabled by Eugens Benson and will probably die. Both are young men. Ar Kendallville, Ind., to-day John and

Henry Nessell, brothers, commenced scuffling in sport, when the former got angry and hit the latter with a stick of stove wood, killing him instantly. John has been arrested. CONDUCTOR E. B. ANDERSON, of the Richmond and Danville railroad, quarreling with Fireman Rice, pounded bin on the head with probably fatal effect, near Burtesville, Va. New York, Feb. 5.—Dr. A. P. Miller, formerly of the Toledo Blade, has been appointed business manager of the New York Tribune. Dr. Miller's appointment took effect to-day.

PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 5 .- Abraham Patterson, a wealthy contractor and prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, died at his rest-dence in Allegheny City at 6 o'clock this evening. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb., 5.—At Grantville, Nev., on January 18, Matias Somon, a bad character, killed S, Missel, a miner. Somon was arrested and hidden by the officers to save him from boting fyuched, On Saturilay Solmon's hiding place was discovered, and he was taken out and hanged to the framework of a windmill.

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Lordon, Feb. 5.—No news has yet been received of the Cunard line steamer Estavia, which sailed from New York, January 19, for Liverpool. It is believed at Queenstown that she has broken down and is proceeding under sail. The weather on the Atlantic has been very severe and the wind confusing with a heavy sea.

Denver, Col., Feb. 5.—A special from Leadville says the rise in Little Pittsburg stocks is credited to the absorvery of an immense body of carbonate are, len feet in whilt, the richest ever discovered in the Little Pittsburg workings, and assaying from 200 to 1,000 onnees. There is much excitement over the strike.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The funeral services over the remains of Francis Alex. Durivage, the poet and author, took place this afterneon at his late recidence. Kev. J. M. Palinan officiated and delivered an address. The funeral of the Kev. Dr. Edward A. Washburne, late rector of Calvary F. E. Church, took place from that edifice this merning, and was attended by one hundred and fitry cleraymen, representing all denominations. Among the pall-bearers were Kev. Dr. 1181. of Brooklyn, and Bev. Mears. Tayno and Walker, of this city. The casket was covered with a white pall, in accordance with the dying request of the deceased. The remains were taken to Woodlawn for interment.

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